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DOWNTOWN HIGHLANDS' SEASON OF SONG KICKS OFF THIS SATURDAY WITH NEW SERIES OF BAGPIPE PERFORMANCES

HIGHLANDS, N.C. – For the first time, a bagpipe duo will herald in the season in downtown Highlands.

The live performance by Highlands Bagpipers takes place this Saturday from 4:30 to 5 p.m. at Town Square on Main Street, the first in a series that will happen the first Saturday of each month through October 1. Highlands Bagpipers is comprised of musicians Margaret Tooke and Glenn Morris who have previously performed as part of the Highlands Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting events.

The performances honor Highlands' heritage, which includes settlers and laborers from Scotland and Ireland as well as a history of serving as a cultural center for artists and musicians. The traditional folk instrument found its footing in Scotland in the 1700s.

Beginning May 13, free outdoor concerts will be held downtown each Friday and Saturday nights. "Friday Night Live," which showcases traditional mountain music and local talent, takes place at the Town Square on Main Street. The Johnny Webb Band kicks off the series May 13 with country music spanning the decades.

Highly-recognized 80s tribute band The Breakfast Club kicks off "Saturdays on Pine" on May 14 at Kelsey-Hutchinson Founders Park, which will also culminate the "Meander in May" festival. "Saturdays on Pine" will feature a variety of popular, regional bands and musicians. All Friday and Saturday night concerts take place from 6 to 8:30 p.m.

The bagpipe performances, "Friday Night Live" and "Saturdays on Pine" are organized and hosted by the Highlands Chamber of Commerce/Visit Highlands, NC.

For more information about these or other events, go to visithighlandsncc.com, call 828-526-2112 or send an email to events@highlandschamber.org.

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